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Brighouse and Huddersfield District News and Events

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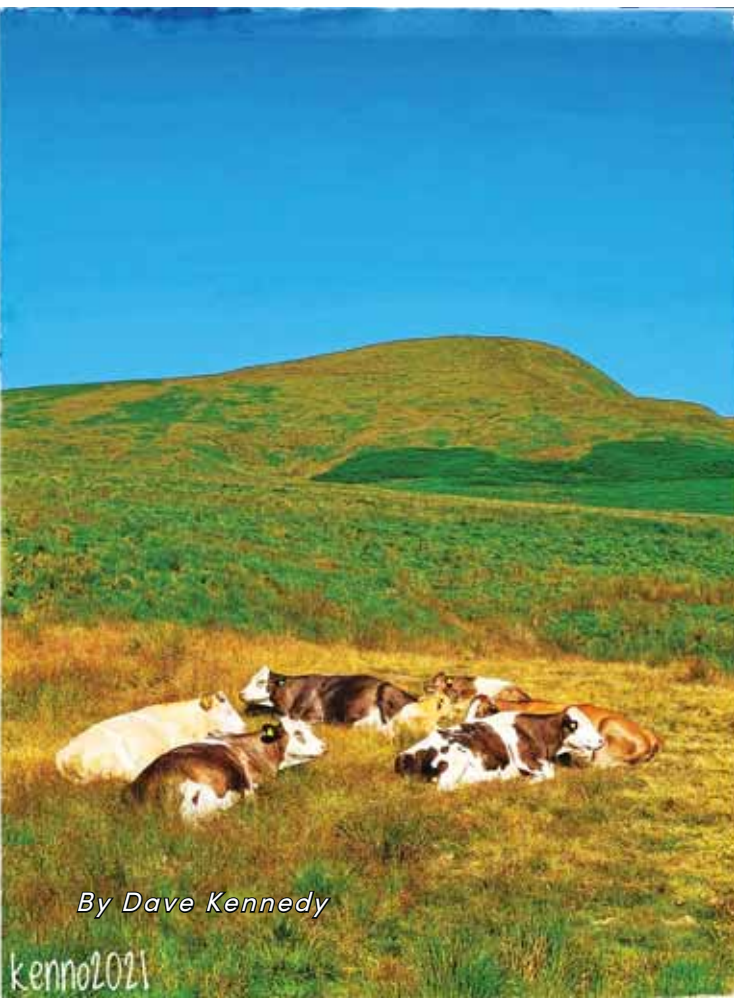
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District**

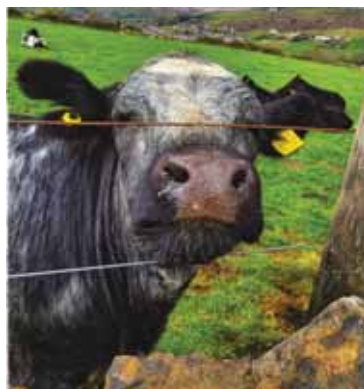


A coffee with a smile



By Dave Kennedy

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80s and 90s Live Music Party Night – Saturday 10 May

Welcome to our latest Valleys Link from the Brighthouse and Huddersfield District.

**Everyone is welcome at
Oddfellows events. Even if you
are not a member, we want to
extend an invitation to you and
your friends to attend any of
our events that take your fancy**

**and we like to think that we can
guarantee you a good time.**

This Events Diary and Newsletter is a handy guide for you to keep so that you know what is happening in our area. Remember to put the dates of interest in your personal diary. Alternatively, keep the Events Diary in a handy place – by the phone, fixed to the fridge or pinned to your notice board.

A bit about us...

The Oddfellows is a friendly society with Branches across the UK. Through friendship and social events, we help our members get more enjoyment out of life, and offer care, advice and support in times of need. Find out more at **www.oddfellows.co.uk** or call **0800 028 1810.**

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Learn, have fun, and stay in touch from home

We've online events
for all to enjoy.
Give one a try.



To see what's coming up visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/events

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Find us at



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April 2025

THURS
03

The Denshaw Drop In



11.30am



Free



If you are in the lovely area of Denshaw, the first Thursday of the month, then why not drop into our Oddfellows Hall where a warm welcome is guaranteed. Free tea, coffee, biscuits and company are on offer. Your Social Secretary, Rhiannon will be available to help with general Oddfellows enquiries and advice, be it filling in application forms, claim forms, etc. We are open 11.30am to 2.30pm. Feel free to bring your jigsaws and books to swap or your craft work to work on. Your Social Secretary, Rhiannon is a passionate crocheter and cross stitcher, so if you fancy having a try at these crafts. Why not come and have a go. Oddfellows Denshaw Hall, 5 Huddersfield Road, Denshaw OL3 5SD. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

THURS
03

Ten Pin Bowling



7pm



£12



Come and try this exciting sport as we once again go ten pin bowling. No matter what your skill level is, we can guarantee a fun evening amongst friends who like to enjoy themselves. We have a start of 7pm. Please be early so you can choose your ball. The cost is £12 per person and basket meals are available at extra cost. Book by Tuesday 1 April. UK Superbowl, Leeds Road, Huddersfield HD2 1YL. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.



SAT
05

Whist Drive



2pm



£2 including refreshments



Join us and spend a relaxing afternoon playing whist in good, friendly company. There are refreshments at half time and prizes for the highest and lowest scores. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighouse HD6 1TY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.



April 2025

TUES

08

Fun Quiz



7.30pm



£5 including
supper



Enjoy a relaxing evening in good, friendly company. Our popular general knowledge quiz will be lighthearted and fun, with questions on a wide variety of topics. Teams will compete round by round to see who will be the lucky winners and take home the prizes. Book by Thursday 3 April. Old Bank WMC, Old Bank Road, Mirfield WF14 0HY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.

THURS
10

Three Course Light Lunch



12.30pm



Members £5
Guests £8



We'd love to see you at our Oddfellows Hall for our three course light lunch. Book by Monday 7 April Oddfellows Denshaw Hall, 5 Huddersfield Road, Denshaw OL3 5SD. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

THURS
17

Bingo at Brighthouse



1.30pm



£2 including
refreshments



Meet up with friends old and new for bingo and enjoy a pleasant afternoon playing and chatting in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. There are prizes for the lucky winners and refreshments halfway through. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighthouse HD6 1TY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.

THURS
24

Curry Night



6.30pm



As per
menu



Due to adverse weather conditions, our curry night event in January was cancelled. You are now invited to join us for a rescheduled curry night at the Bengal Spice Indian Restaurant, which can offer you a rich variety of dishes to create a satisfying meal for all visitors. Book by Thursday 17 April. Bengal Spice, 9 Dunford Road, Holmfirth HD9 2DP. Contact Pat on 01484 684324.



April 2025

FRI
25

Coach Trip to Harrogate Spring Flower Show



9.30am



£36 include show admission and coach travel



We shall visit the Yorkshire Showground by luxury coach, to witness the superb floral displays and enjoy the various food outlets and craft stalls. The coach will depart from the Oddfellows Hall at Brighouse at 9.15am with pick-ups at Wakefield and Oulton at 10am and 10.20am respectively. After our visit we shall leave the showground at 4pm for the return journey. Don't miss this spectacular day out and don't forget to take your camera. Book by Monday 14 April. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighouse HD6 1TY. Contact Josephine on 01924 363736.



May

THURS
01

The Denshaw Drop In



11.30am



Free



Please refer to Thursday 3 April event description. Oddfellows Denshaw Hall, 5 Huddersfield Road, Denshaw OL3 5SD. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

SAT
03

Whist Drive



2pm



£2 including refreshments



Join us and spend a relaxing afternoon playing whist in good, friendly company. There are refreshments at half time and prizes for the highest and lowest scores. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighouse HD6 1TY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.

THURS
01

Ten Pin Bowling



7pm



£12



Come and try this exciting sport as we once again go ten pin bowling. For further details please refer to Thursday 3 April. Book by Tuesday 29 April. UK Superbowl, Leeds Road, Huddersfield HD2 1YL. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

May

TUES

06

Steal It Raffle



7.30pm



£6 including raffle tickets and supper



Join us for our very popular raffle with a difference, there will be the opportunity to win some excellent prizes. You'll have an enjoyable, lighthearted, fun evening whilst at the same time help to raise much needed funds for this years charity Community Foundation Wakefield District. Book by Friday 2 May. Old Bank WMC, Old Bank Road, Mirfield WF14 0HY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.



THURS

08

Three Course Light Lunch



12.30pm



Members £5
Guests £8



We'd love to see you at our Oddfellows Hall for our three course light lunch. Book by Monday 5 May. Oddfellows Denshaw Hall, 5 Huddersfield Road, Denshaw OL3 5SD. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

SAT

10

80s and 90s Live Music Party Night



6.45pm



£15



Join us for an unforgettable night at Denroyd Farm. Enjoy live music from AT and MIC as we take a trip down memory lane. Dance, sing along and create lasting memories with friends. So don't miss out on this fantastic evening. Book by Thursday 10 April. Denroyd Farm, Denby Lane, Upper Denby, Huddersfield HD8 8TZ. Contact Pat on 01484 684324.

TUES

13

Spring Get-Together



11am



As per menu



Join us for coffee, late breakfast or early lunch - the choice is yours at the Bloom and Brew Café within the newly-revamped Spring Green Nurseries (only 10 minutes from Wakefield city centre). Book by Monday 5 May. Bloom and Brew Café, Spring Green Nurseries, Pontefract Road, Crofton, Wakefield WF4 1LW. Contact Josephine on 01924 363736.

May

THURS 29 Lunch at the Thirsty Gardener

 12 noon

 As per menu



We'd love for you to join us as we try a new venue. We'll enjoy a lovely lunch in the Thirsty Gardener Café based in Colne



Valley Garden Centre, followed by a browse of the wonderful plants and gift shop at the garden centre. Why not take the opportunity to get some seeds or plants ready for the growing season? Book by Friday 23 May. Colne Valley Garden Centre, 12 Scar Lane, Milnsbridge HD3 4PE. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

June

TUES 03 Ten Clues Quiz

 7.30pm

 £5 including supper



Join us and enjoy taking part in this popular, lighthearted quiz. You'll have fun finding out how many clues are needed to name a person, place or object. The sooner you answer the more points for your team. There are prizes for the winners. Book by Thursday 29 May. Old Bank WMC, Old Bank Road, Mirfield WF14 0HY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.

June

THURS 05 The Denshaw Drop In

 11.30am

 Free



Please refer to Thursday 3 April event description. Oddfellows Denshaw Hall, 5 Huddersfield Road, Denshaw OL3 5SD. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

THURS 05 Ten Pin Bowling

 7pm

 £12



Come and try this exciting sport as we once again go ten pin bowling. For further details please refer to Thursday 3 April. Book by Tuesday 3 June. UK Superbowl, Leeds Road, Huddersfield HD2 1YL. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.



SAT 07 Whist Drive

 2pm

 £2 including refreshments



Join us and spend a relaxing afternoon playing whist in good, friendly company. There are refreshments at half time and prizes for the highest and lowest scores. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighouse HD6 1TY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.

June

THURS
12

Fun Quiz at Brighthouse

⌚ 1.30pm

£ £2 including refreshments



Join us and enjoy an afternoon in good company. The quiz will be lighthearted and good fun with prizes for the winners. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighthouse HD6 1TY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.



FRI
13

Whit Friday Brass Band Contest

⌚ 4pm

£ As per menu



Whit Friday Brass Band Contest from 4pm onwards, outside Denshaw Oddfellows Hall. Hot or cold food and refreshments will be available. Oddfellows Denshaw Hall, 5 Huddersfield Road, Denshaw OL3 5SD. Contact Lynn on 07764 255181.

TUES
17

Gourmet Lunch

⌚ 12.45pm

£ As per menu



Superb food in comfortable surroundings - what's not to like? Wide choice of menu from light lunch to mouthwatering speciality dishes. £10 deposit when booking. Book by Monday 9 June. The Mews Hotel, 77 Dale Street, Ossett, Wakefield WF5 9HN. Contact Josephine on 01924 363736.



THURS
19

Three Course Light Lunch

⌚ 12.30pm

£ Members £5
Guests £8



We'd love to see you at our Oddfellows Hall for our three course light lunch. Book by Monday 16 June. Oddfellows Denshaw Hall, 5 Huddersfield Road, Denshaw OL3 5SD. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.



June

THURS
26

Lunch at Vanilla Bean



12 noon



As per menu



We'd love for you to join us as we once again go to Vanilla Bean. Vanilla Bean is a family run business, serving delicious homemade food which is made on the premises. The menu at Vanilla Bean is designed to cater to everyone's taste and dietary preferences. Book by Thursday 19 June. Vanilla Bean, 20 Carr Lane, Slaithwaite HD7 5AN. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

FRI
27

Summer Walk and Lunch



11am



As per menu



Come and join us for a lovely walk around Inbircworth Reservoir. The path runs next to the water's edge and then passes through small areas of woodland. Following this why not join us for a well-deserved lunch at Yummy Yorkshire, Delph House Farm, High Flatts, Huddersfield HD8 8XY. Book by Friday 20 June. Ingbirchworth Reservoir, Wellthorne Lane, Ingbirchworth S36 7GN. Contact Pat on 01484 684324.



July

TUES
01

Race Night



7.30pm



£5 including supper



This will be the second time we've done this event at Old Bank, because it proved to be popular we've decided to do it again. We will be showing actual horse race on a big screen, please come along and join us and test your skill at picking winning horses. There will be prizes for the team who are able to choose the most winners. Book by Thursday 26 June. Old Bank WMC, Old Bank Road, Mirfield WF14 0HY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.

THURS
03

The Denshaw Drop In



11.30am



Free



Please refer to Thursday 3 April event description. Oddfellows Denshaw Hall, 5 Huddersfield Road, Denshaw OL3 5SD. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

July

THURS
03

Ten Pin Bowling



Come and try this exciting sport as we once again go ten pin bowling. For further details please refer to Thursday 3 April. Book by Tuesday 1 July. UK Superbowl, Leeds Road, Huddersfield HD2 1YL. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

SAT
05

Whist Drive



Join us and spend a relaxing afternoon playing whist in good, friendly company. There are refreshments at half time and prizes for the highest and lowest scores. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighouse HD6 1TY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.

TUES
15

Lunch with Friends



Another visit to this excellent Italian restaurant where the food looks good and tastes even better. Deposit of £5 per head required when booking please. Book by Monday 7 July. Rustico Italian Restaurant, 29-29A Northgate, Wakefield WF1 3BJ. Contact Josephine on 01924 363736.

THURS
17

Three Course Light Lunch



We'd love to see you at our Oddfellows Hall for our three course light lunch. Book by Monday 14 July. Oddfellows Denshaw Hall, 5 Huddersfield Road, Denshaw OL3 5SD. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

SAT
26

Afternoon Tea



The Strangers Refuge Social Secretary would be delighted if you could join her for an afternoon of tea, cakes and a game of Rummykub. This board game is well known for bringing people together and being easy to play. So come and enjoy an afternoon of fun and food with your host. Book by Friday 18 July. Little Cliffe, Holmfirth HD9 1XT. Contact Pat on 01484 684324.

August

SAT 02 Whist Drive



2pm



£2 including refreshments



Join us and spend a relaxing afternoon playing whist in good, friendly company. There are refreshments at half time and prizes for the highest and lowest scores. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighouse HD6 1TY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.

TUES 05 What is it?



7.30pm



£5 including supper



You are guaranteed to have an excellent evening of fun, taking part in a variety of games, which will give you the opportunity to test your memory and other skills in order to decide what a wide variety of items are by touch, sight and smell. Prizes for the winners. Book by Thursday 31 July. Old Bank WMC, Old Bank Road, Mirfield WF14 0HY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.

THURS 07 The Denshaw Drop In



11.30am



Free



Please refer to Thursday 3 April event description. Oddfellows Denshaw Hall, 5 Huddersfield Road, Denshaw OL3 5SD. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.



THURS 07 Ten Pin Bowling



7pm



£12



Come and try this exciting sport as we once again go ten pin bowling. For further details please refer to Thursday 3 April. Book by Tuesday 5 August. UK Superbowl, Leeds Road, Huddersfield HD2 1YL. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.



August

FRI
15

Choose Chinese



1pm



As per
menu



Another chance to sample the taste of the Orient at this popular restaurant on the outskirts of Wakefield. Book by Friday 8 August. Pagoda Cantonese Restaurant, Units 2-4, Sandal Castle Centre, Asdale Road, Wakefield WF2 7JE. Contact Josephine on 01924 363736.

THURS
21

Three Course Light Lunch



12.30pm



Members £5
Guests £8



We'd love to see you at our Oddfellows Hall for our three course light lunch. Book by Monday 18 August. Oddfellows Denshaw Hall, 5 Huddersfield Road, Denshaw OL3 5SD. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

THURS
28

Lunch at The Bridge Café



12 noon



As per
menu



We'd love for you to join us as we try a new venue. The Bridge Café is a family run café, offering high quality affordable food. Freshly ground coffee and freshly baked cakes. Book by Thursday 21 August. The Bridge Café & Bistro, 42 Market Street, Milnsbridge HD3 4HY. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

FRI
29

Brunch at Field Café



11am



As per
menu



Join us for brunch and a get-together at Field Café in the delightful village of Farnley Tyas. The café has a relaxed setting, being close to open farmland and serves a variety of excellent food. This is a place you are guaranteed to make a return visit to, so we look forward to meeting you there at 11am. Book by Friday 15 August. Field Café, Unit 3, Field Lane, Farnley Tyas, Huddersfield HD4 6BS. Contact Pat on 01484 684324.



September

ODDFELLOWS

FRIENDSHIP MONTH

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



TUES
02

Friendship Month Special



7.30pm



£5 including supper



September is our Friendship Month, to start off a fun month by joining us for a friendly get together. You'll be able to enjoy a pleasant evening, playing different types of bingo followed by a variety of short fun quizzes. Prizes for the lucky winners. Book by Thursday 28 August. Old Bank WMC, Old Bank Road, Mirfield WF14 0HY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.



THURS
04

The Denshaw Drop In



11.30am



Free



Please refer to Thursday 3 April event description. Oddfellows Denshaw Hall, 5 Huddersfield Road, Denshaw OL3 5SD. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

THURS
04

Ten Pin Bowling



7pm



£12



Come and try this exciting sport as we once again go ten pin bowling. For further details please refer to Thursday 3 April. Book by Tuesday 2 September. UK Superbowl, Leeds Road, Huddersfield HD2 1YL. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

SAT
06

Whist Drive



2pm



£2 including refreshments



Join us and spend a relaxing afternoon playing whist in good, friendly company. There are refreshments at half time and prizes for the highest and lowest scores. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighouse HD6 1TY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.

TUES
09

Scraps, anyone?



1pm



As per menu



Our second visit of the year to this popular fish restaurant which never disappoints us. Book by Monday 1 September. Wetherby Whaler, 550 Leeds Road, Outwood, Wakefield WF1 2DX. Contact Josephine on 01924 363736.

September

ODDFELLOWS
FRIENDSHIP MONTH
 1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



THURS
11 **Friendship Month**
Special at Brighthouse



September is our Friendship Month, help us celebrate by joining us for a friendly get together, you'll be able to enjoy playing different types of bingo followed by a short fun quiz. Prizes for the lucky winners. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighthouse HD6 1TY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.



SUN
21 **Sunday Lunch**



Why not join us for Sunday lunch at the Woodman Inn. Indulge in a traditional Sunday roast or enjoy a delicious selection of freshly prepared dishes from the light bites to hearty meals perfect for a relaxed lunchtime get together. Book by Sunday 7 September. The Woodman Inn, Thunder Bridge Lane, Kirkburton, Huddersfield HD8 0PX. Contact Pat on 01484 684324.

THURS
25 **Three Course**
Light Lunch



We'd love to see you at our Oddfellows Hall for our three course light lunch. Book by Monday 22 September. Oddfellows Denshaw Hall, 5 Huddersfield Road, Denshaw OL3 5SD. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

Join the fun in Friendship Month

Make someone's day and invite them along to share the friendship fun.

All welcome

ODDFELLOWS
FRIENDSHIP MONTH
 1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



To see what's on and find out more about Friendship Month visit www.friendshipmonth.com

October

THURS 02 The Denshaw Drop In

⌚ 11.30am

£ Free



Please refer to Thursday 3 April event description. Oddfellows Denshaw Hall, 5 Huddersfield Road, Denshaw OL3 5SD. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

THURS 02 Ten Pin Bowling

⌚ 7pm

£ £12



Come and try this exciting sport as we once again go ten pin bowling. For further details please refer to Thursday 3 April. Book by Tuesday 30 September. UK Superbowl, Leeds Road, Huddersfield HD2 1YL. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

SAT 04 Whist Drive

⌚ 2pm

£ £2 including refreshments



Join us and spend a relaxing afternoon playing whist in good, friendly company.



There are refreshments at half time and prizes for the highest and lowest scores. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighouse HD6 1TY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.

TUES 07 Quiz Night

⌚ 7.30pm

£ £5 including refreshments



Please join us for our lighthearted fun quiz, as part of a friendly team you'll be able to enjoy finding the answers to a wide variety of topics. There are prizes for the winning team. Book by Thursday 2 October. Old Bank WMC, Old Bank Road, Mirfield WF14 0HY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.

TUES 14 Autumn Catch-Up

⌚ 11am

£ As per menu



Enjoy the company of friends in the café at this charming garden centre prior to exploring the wide range of flowers and plants available as well as the clothing and gifts also displayed - time to start choosing Christmas presents, perhaps? Book by Tuesday 7 October. Carr Gate Garden Centre, Old Bradford Road, Carr Gate, Wakefield WF2 0SY. Contact Josephine on 01924 363736.

October

THURS 16 Three Course Light Lunch



12.30pm



Members £5
Guests £8



We'd love to see you at our Oddfellows Hall for our three course light lunch. Book by Monday 13 October. Oddfellows Denshaw Hall, 5 Huddersfield Road, Denshaw OL3 5SD. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.



THURS 23 Lunch at Vanilla Bean



12 noon



As per
menu



We'd love for you to join us as we once again go to Vanilla Bean. Vanilla Bean is a family run business, serving delicious home-made food which is made on the premises. The menu at Vanilla Bean is designed to cater to everyone's taste and dietary preferences. Book by Thursday 16 October. Vanilla Bean, 20 Carr Lane, Slaithwaite HD7 5AN. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.



WED 29 Fish and Chips with Friends



1pm



As per menu (special offer £20 for two)



Please come along and join us for a special fish and chips lunch. Finlay's is a Land and Sea Restaurant and Bar, located just outside the centre of Holmfirth, where you can enjoy a varied menu including deals for two. Book by Sunday 19 October. Finlay's Land and Sea Restaurant, 38 Woodhead Road, Holmfirth HD9 2PR. Contact Pat on 01484 684324.



Out and about around the District



Members of Plantagenet enjoyed a lovely meal at the Rhubarb Lunch to celebrate the Rhubarb Festival in Wakefield.



Members from Victory enjoyed a lovely visit to Vanilla Bean, Slaithwaite. The food was lovely and the staff were very friendly, we enjoyed it that much we've added into the new diary twice!



Brighouse members had a wonderful time at the Christmas Light Lunch, held at our Oddfellows Hall.

Monthly Social Events at Old Bank, Mirfield

Every month we hold a social event at Old Bank WMC, they are light-hearted and fun often themed to the time of year, they provide an excellent opportunity to meet up with friend's old and new, in the warm and welcoming concert room. The evening always ends with a delicious buffet supper which caters for all tastes.

Here are some examples of our last 6 months events.

What is it ? Lots of laughs and interaction as everyone tries to name different objects.

Race Night, an opportunity to dress up and test your skill at picking the winners.

Bonfire Quiz, a light-hearted bonfire themed quiz gave an opportunity to enjoy the evening in the warmth of the club.

Christmas Special, a variety of short fun quizzes and card bingo. An excellent opportunity to wear Christmas jumpers.



Race Night.

Beetle Drive, friendly competition and banter as everyone tries to complete their beetles.

Tenable, our version of the popular game show, teams enjoyed trying to find the top ten answers to a variety of subjects.



Bonfire Quiz.



Tenable.

Notes to members

We are now able to accept claim forms and receipts via email. Claim forms are available via email on request from lynn.bradbury@oddfellows.co.uk.

Please note all receipts must have your name and address on. Receipts must be sent as pdf. We are unable to deal with screen shots or photos.

Please Note

In the unlikely event that dates and times at any of the events change, you are advised to contact the event organiser or your branch secretary to ensure your place and to avoid disappointment.

We're on facebook!

Not everything can make it into the newsletter, so keep up to date on our Facebook page where we post latest news, hints and tips from us and from Oddfellows.

How do you find it?

Visit Facebook or login to your Facebook account and go to the search field, type in

'Brighouse and Huddersfield Oddfellows' for our main page.

'Denshaw Oddfellows' for our members in Denshaw.

Any problems our contact details can be found on page 3.

Can you help by volunteering?

We couldn't run all our events without wonderful volunteers. We need help to make sure we can keep our events as fun as they can be for all our members. There's lots of ways you can pitch in to help us, from one-off help to regular support. You can commit an hour a month, or more if you've got the time!

Volunteering could include meeting and greeting newcomers to make sure they feel welcome, or arranging activities, like quizzes or presentations, which we can help you run and promote.



If you can help by volunteering or want to find out more, contact Lynn by phone on 07764 255181 or email lynn.bradbury@oddfellows.co.uk

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the **Oddfellows**
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Regular Monthly Meeting

Branch meetings are usually held on the third Monday of each month at the Oddfellows Hall, 1 Oddfellows Street, Brighouse HD6 1TX starting at 7pm *changed dates.

Monday 21 April

*Monday 12 May

Monday 16 June

Monday 18 August

*Monday 22 September

Monday 20 October.

Please come along, you will be made very welcome, this is a great opportunity to see how your branch runs and put your suggestions and ideas forward. Coffee, biscuits and a chat always helps to get to know us.

Oddfellows Members: Do you need help?



None of us know what is around the corner...

Local Care and Welfare Support

To request contact from a Welfare Visitor and for local help and information about Branch benefits and benevolence contact Gillian on **01484 645836** or email gillian.longbottom@oddfellows.co.uk.

Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line

Call 0800 0149 821*

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm

Email: oddfellows@citizensadvicemanchester.org.uk



Run by Citizens Advice for Oddfellows members, you can access free, confidential, independent advice on welfare benefits, money and debt issues, consumer problems, housing, fuel bills, employment issues and many other issues.

*The Oddfellows cannot provide legal advice and accepts no liability whatsoever for advice provided by Citizens Advice, which is an independent advice agency. If you have any queries about the advice you have received or wish to make a complaint then you should contact Citizens Advice directly. Citizens Advice operate a formal complaints process.

Care and Welfare Helpline

Call 0800 0149 822

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

Monday to Thursday, 9.30am - 4.30pm, Friday, 9.30am - 4pm

Email: care@oddfellows.co.uk

Run by the Oddfellows Care and Welfare Department, you can access information and guidance on issues such as accessing health and care services, supported housing, support for carers, and planning for later life. The helpline will try and identify any Oddfellows benefits or services in the community which may be of help to you.

**Visit our website page at www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care
for care and welfare information**

Oddfellows Travel: Destination Mystery

In November last year, 16 Oddfellows and three friends boarded a cruise ship with no idea of its destination.

With six mystery ports scheduled in 11 days, there was a lot to pack in, and there was plenty to keep them entertained on board: interesting talks, a murder mystery, craft sessions, quizzes and a drinks party.

Port one

Dawn broke on day two, revealing Gijon in northern Spain as the first destination. Some set out on organised excursions while others explored independently.



Port two

An overnight hop delivered our travellers to their second secret Spanish stop – Ferrol.

Wendy, an Ipswich Oddfellows member and cruise host, said: “It was an interesting port, not well known to many regular passengers. There was a mix of interesting architecture and maritime history – the naval museum was a must.”

Port three

The ship next docked in Porto, Portugal, where the group were greeted by a broad

esplanade and a sweeping sandy beach, and they discovered a thriving fish market.

Port four

Back in Spain, the fourth port was a warm, sunny Malaga. “It was amazing,” said Wendy. “The cathedral was well worth a visit, also the Roman amphitheatre.”

Port five

The Spanish odyssey and Roman themes continued at the penultimate stop in Cadiz.

“The sea defences were testament to the city’s position close to the entrance of the Mediterranean,” Wendy said.

Port six

Having worked out their next stop, Wendy said: “Lisbon wasn’t quite such a mystery, but a delight nevertheless. The highlight was a lift ride to see magnificent views over Lisbon and the River Tejo.”

Surprises and celebrations

Before returning, the Oddfellows crew received a mystery gift bag containing souvenirs from Spain and Portugal, Fred. Olsen gifts and chocolates, and celebrated a member’s birthday with cake provided by the chef and singing waiters.

See Oddfellows Travel’s 2025 group holiday schedule, including a cruise to Iceland in July, by visiting www.oddfellows.co.uk/travel

Trio receive university funding

Congratulations to the latest recipients of our First Degree Course Educational Awards: Lillie Buckley, Edward Smith and Torsten Ellis.

Easing the pressure

Each year, a selection of Oddfellows members heading to university for the first time are chosen to receive a non-repayable bursary of £900 per year for the duration of their studies.

Jane Nelson, CEO of the Oddfellows, said: "I'm delighted that the Society can play a part in enhancing Lillie, Edward and Torsten's university experiences.

"Attempting to budget finances alongside studying is as tough as it's ever been but this funding from our Educational Awards will help to ease those stresses as they embark on this exciting stage in their lives."

Each year, our Fraternal Board chooses who will receive the funding, based on the applications received.

Grand Master (Chairman) of the Society, Barbara Needham, added: "I'm so proud that we are able to give the younger generation a bit of a financial boost, which will help them to take these all-important next steps on their way to making their mark on the world.

"I wish them every success over the next few years and beyond."

Lillie Buckley, Nottingham Trent Branch member

Lillie started studying Veterinary Science at the University of Bristol in September 2024.



She says the funding will allow her to purchase a new laptop for doing her university work, as well as helping to cover travel costs for work placements which she'll complete as part of her studies.

She said: "When I found out I would be receiving the funding, I was extremely happy and honoured to have been chosen. I want to say a huge thank you to the Oddfellows, as this will help support me throughout my degree and I can't wait to see what the future holds.

"I am loving the course so far. We've learnt lots of interesting things. In the future I would like to be a small animal vet, however I am keeping an open mind as I love cows!"

Edward Smith, Erewash Valley Branch member

Chemical Engineering student Edward began his course at the University of Manchester in September 2024.

He plans to follow his studies with a chartership while working as a Process Engineer. A Process Engineer designs, optimises and manages the processes used to transform raw materials into finished products in manufacturing or chemical plants.

“I felt very proud, honoured and relieved to receive extra funding to help with my studies,” he said. “I would encourage all eligible students to have a go at applying for this award.”



Edward says the money will go toward purchasing books and other learning materials.

Torsten Ellis, Derby Derwent Valley Branch member

Torsten has been reading Theoretical Physics with Mathematics at Lancaster University since October 2024.



He says the funding will allow him to budget better when purchasing learning materials, such as textbooks, and taking part in extra-curricular activities.

He added: “It felt great to learn I had been chosen for the funding. I was also somewhat relieved as it means I will have to worry less about my finances over the course of each year.

“My modules are split between the physics and maths departments, which is great because I’ll get a rich understanding of both and I’m looking forward to next year when I can pick modules and advance my understanding of both fields.”

Unity Mutual: Seasonal scam spotting



With tax season coming to a close, scammers start to move their attention to new opportunities.

As new financial scams emerge, people get targeted in different ways. Our financial services brand, Unity Mutual, has assessed what to watch out for in the coming months.

April to May: The tax refund scam

With key tax deadlines passing, fraudsters may take advantage of taxpayers hoping for a refund. You may receive emails, phone calls or text messages claiming you're due reimbursement.

Verify any tax-related communication through official government channels before responding to avoid being caught out.

Summer scams: Holidays, events and ticket fraud

From June to August, scammers often aim to exploit the excitement of summer holiday planning by offering fake 'not to be missed' deals on accommodation and flights, often through unofficial websites.

Concert and sporting event fraud is also on the up, and attempts to sell fake tickets on social media platforms are becoming increasingly common. Avoid these traps

by booking through reputable travel agencies and official events websites.

August to September: Back to school scams

As students and their families prepare for a new school year, fraudsters like to create fake offers for school supplies, loans and student rental accommodation.

If an offer seems too good to be true, verify it with official sources before taking action.

Stay vigilant year-round

While some scams are season-specific, fraudsters are always on the lookout for their next victim.



Stay informed, be sceptical of unsolicited requests for money or personal information, and always verify who you're dealing with before taking action.

For more financial tips and resources visit www.unitymutual.co.uk/knowledge-hub
To view Unity Mutual's range of family friendly financial products* visit www.unitymutual.co.uk/oddfellows

For more information call 0161 214 4628.

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At a glance

April 2025

Thurs 3	The Denshaw Drop In	11.30am
Thurs 3	Ten Pin Bowling	7pm
Sat 5	Whist Drive	2pm
Tues 8	Fun Quiz	7.30pm
Thurs 10	Three Course Light Lunch	12.30pm
Thurs 17	Bingo at Brighthouse	1.30pm
Thurs 24	Curry Night	6.30pm
Fri 25	Coach Trip to Harrogate Spring Flower Show	9.30am

May

Thurs 1	The Denshaw Drop In	11.30am
Thurs 1	Ten Pin Bowling	7pm
Sat 3	Whist Drive	2pm
Tues 6	Steal It Raffle	7.30pm
Thurs 8	Three Course Light Lunch	12.30pm
Sat 10	80s and 90s Live Music Party Night	6.45pm
Tues 13	Spring Get-Together	11am
Thurs 29	Lunch at the Thirsty Gardener	12 noon

June

Tues 3	Ten Clues Quiz	7.30pm
Thurs 5	The Denshaw Drop In	11.30am
Thurs 5	Ten Pin Bowling	7pm
Sat 7	Whist Drive	2pm
Thurs 12	Fun Quiz at Brighthouse	1.30pm
Fri 13	Whit Friday Brass Band Contest	4pm
Tues 17	Gourmet Lunch	12.45pm
Thurs 19	Three Course Light Lunch	12.30pm
Thurs 26	Lunch at Vanilla Bean	12 noon
Fri 27	Summer Walk and Lunch	11am

July

Tues 1	Race Night	7.30pm
Thurs 3	The Denshaw Drop In	11.30am
Thurs 3	Ten Pin Bowling	7pm

At a glance

July

Sat 5	Whist Drive	2pm
Tues 15	Lunch with Friends	1pm
Thurs 17	Three Course Light Lunch	12.30pm
Sat 26	Afternoon Tea	2pm

August

Sat 2	Whist Drive	2pm
Tues 5	What is it?	7.30pm
Thurs 7	The Denshaw Drop In	11.30am
Thurs 7	Ten Pin Bowling	7pm
Fri 15	Choose Chinese	1pm
Thurs 21	Three Course Light Lunch	12.30pm
Thurs 28	Lunch at The Bridge Café	12 noon
Fri 29	Brunch at Field Café	11am

September - Friendship Month

Tues 2	Friendship Month Special	7.30pm
Thurs 4	The Denshaw Drop In	11.30am
Thurs 4	Ten Pin Bowling	7pm
Sat 6	Whist Drive	2pm
Tues 9	Scraps, anyone?	1pm
Thurs 11	Friendship Month Special at Brighthouse	1.30pm
Sun 21	Sunday Lunch	12.30pm
Thurs 25	Three Course Light Lunch	12.30pm

October

Thurs 2	The Denshaw Drop In	11.30am
Thurs 2	Ten Pin Bowling	7pm
Sat 4	Whist Drive	2pm
Tues 7	Quiz Night	7.30pm
Tues 14	Autumn Catch-Up	11am
Thurs 16	Three Course Light Lunch	12.30pm
Thurs 23	Lunch at Vanilla Bean	12 noon
Wed 29	Fish and Chips with Friends	1pm

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